

## Backgrounder

### *New England's Best Workplaces for Commuters<sup>SM</sup> Coalition*

New England's Best Workplaces for Commuters Coalition is composed of leading New England government and business organizations working to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, cut global warming emissions, and make commuting less stressful and costly. Members are listed below.



#### **Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT), Patriot Chapter**

The Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) is an international coalition of private and public members committed to enhancing mobility, improving congestion and air quality, and conserving energy through Transportation Demand Management (TDM). ACT's Patriot Chapter serves New England and has more than 50 members. The chapter hosts an annual awards luncheon to recognize organizations and programs that further TDM. <[www.abctma.com/pcact.htm](http://www.abctma.com/pcact.htm)>



#### **Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority**

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)—known as the “T”—is the nation's oldest and fifth largest transportation system. MBTA provides safe, reliable world-class transportation in an environmentally sound and responsible manner. Each day, 1.2 million customers ride the T's buses and trains and help reduce automobile emissions' harmful effects on human health and the environment by not driving their cars. <[www.mbta.com](http://www.mbta.com)>



#### **MassCommute**

MassCommute is a coalition of Massachusetts Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) that leverage public and private funds to increase participation in ridesharing and other commuting alternatives to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality across the state. MassCommute is dedicated to advancing the mission of TMAs and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) in Massachusetts and seeks to increase public awareness of key transportation issues while promoting a wide range of TDM measures throughout Massachusetts. <[www.MassCommute.com](http://www.MassCommute.com)>



#### **New England Employee Benefits Council**

NEEBC was formed in 1979 with a vision to create a forum for discussion and informational exchange in the employee benefits field. NEEBC places special emphasis on opening communication between individuals in benefits and related professions: highlighting business, economic and legislative trends as they impact the employee benefits arena, and fostering sound procedures, principles and practices in all areas of employee benefits. <[www.neebc.org](http://www.neebc.org)>

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### Upper Valley Rideshare

Upper Valley Rideshare (UVRS) is a free carpool-matching service serving commuters and employers throughout central New Hampshire and Vermont since 1992. UVRS matches commuters who want to share the daily drive or ride to work or school. UVRS is funded by the Vermont Agency of Transportation and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. UVRS is located in Wilder, VT and is a free service of Advance Transit, Inc. <[www.uppervalleyrideshare.com](http://www.uppervalleyrideshare.com)>



### U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Through the Best Workplaces for Commuters, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recognizes employers nationwide that offer outstanding commuter benefits. Participating organizations achieve a *National Standard of Excellence*, as defined by program criteria that includes offering employees commuter benefits such as transit passes, vanpool subsidies, carpool matching, bike lockers, or compressed work schedules. Supporters of the Best Workplaces for Commuters are working together with EPA to promote commuter benefits. <[www.bwc.gov](http://www.bwc.gov)>



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